

quarters, transportation, or medical and hospital supplies, which, however, shall not exceed the necessities of the current year.

(b) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy shall immediately advise the Congress of the exercise of the authority granted in subsection (a) of this section, and shall report quarterly on the estimated obligations incurred pursuant to the authority granted in subsection (a) of this section.

(R.S. § 3732; June 12, 1906, ch. 3078, 34 Stat. 255; Pub. L. 89-687, title VI, § 612(e), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 993; Pub. L. 98-557, § 17(e), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2868; Pub. L. 104-106, div. D, title XLIII, § 4322(b)(4), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 677.)

#### CODIFICATION

R.S. § 3732 derived from act Mar. 2, 1861, ch. 84, § 10, 12 Stat. 220.

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-106 struck out second comma after “quarters”.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-557, § 17(e)(1)(A), substituted “except in the Department of Defense and in the Department of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy” for “except in the War and Navy Departments”.

Pub. L. 98-557, § 17(e)(1)(B), substituted “, transportation, or medical and hospital supplies” for “or transportation”, such change having been made by Act June 12, 1906, thereby requiring no further change in text. See Repeals note below.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-557, § 17(e)(2), inserted provisions relating to the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

1966—Pub. L. 89-687 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1906—Act June 12, 1906, inserted “medical and hospital supplies”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

For effective date and applicability of amendment by Pub. L. 104-106, see section 4401 of Pub. L. 104-106, set out as a note under section 251 of this title.

#### REPEALS

The first proviso under the heading “MEDICAL DEPARTMENT” in act June 12, 1906, ch. 3078, 34 Stat. 255, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed by Pub. L. 98-557, § 17(e)(3), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2868.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 8 section 1363a; title 10 section 2201; title 19 section 2081; title 22 section 277d-3; title 26 section 7608; title 33 section 891d; title 42 section 9619.

### § 11a. Contracts for fuel by Secretary of the Army without regard to current fiscal year

When, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army, it is in the interest of the United States so to do, he is authorized to enter into contracts and to incur obligations for fuel in sufficient quantities to meet the requirements for one year without regard to the current fiscal year, and payments for supplies delivered under such contracts may be made from funds appropriated for the fiscal year in which the contract is made, or from funds appropriated or which may be appropriated for such supplies for the ensuing fiscal year.

(June 30, 1921, ch. 33, § 1, 42 Stat. 78; July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title II, § 205(a), 61 Stat. 501.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 668 of Title 31 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, § 1, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Department of War designated Department of the Army and title of Secretary of War changed to Secretary of the Army by section 205(a) of act July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title II, 61 Stat. 501. Section 205(a) of act July 26, 1947, was repealed by section 53 of act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 641. Section 1 of act Aug. 10, 1956, enacted “Title 10, Armed Forces” which in sections 3010 to 3013 continued Department of the Army under administrative supervision of Secretary of the Army.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of certain procurement and related functions and property, and functions relating to finance and fiscal matters, insofar as they pertain to Air Force, from Secretary of the Army to Secretary of the Air Force, see Secretary of Defense Transfer Order Nos. 6, eff. Jan. 15, 1948; 25, Oct. 14, 1948; 39, May 18, 1949; and 40 [App. B(93)], July 22, 1949.

Public Buildings Administration abolished by act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 103, 63 Stat. 380, and functions transferred to General Services Administration. See section 753 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

Public Buildings Branch of Procurement Division (Bureau of Federal Supply) of Treasury Department transferred to Public Buildings Administration within Federal Works Agency, see Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1939, §§ 301, 303, eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2729, 53 Stat. 1426, 1427, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Functions of procurement of supplies, services, stores, etc., exercised by any other agency transferred to Procurement Division in Treasury Department by Ex. Ord. No. 6166, § 1, June 10, 1933, set out as a note under section 901 of Title 5. Name of Procurement Division changed to Bureau of Federal Supply by Treasury Department Order 73 dated Nov. 19, 1946. Bureau transferred on July 1, 1949, to General Services Administration, where it functions as Federal Supply Service, pursuant to act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, § 102, 63 Stat. 380.

### § 12. No contract to exceed appropriation

No contract shall be entered into for the erection, repair, or furnishing of any public building, or for any public improvement which shall bind the Government to pay a larger sum of money than the amount in the Treasury appropriated for the specific purpose.

(R.S. § 3733.)

#### CODIFICATION

R.S. § 3733 derived from act July 25, 1868, ch. 233, § 3, 15 Stat. 177.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 22 sections 277d-3, 2396; title 40 section 356.

### § 13. Contracts limited to one year

Except as otherwise provided, it shall not be lawful for any of the executive departments to make contracts for stationery or other supplies for a longer term than one year from the time the contract is made.

(R.S. § 3735.)

## CODIFICATION

R.S. §3735 derived from Res. Jan. 31, 1868, No. 8, 15 Stat. 246; Res. Mar. 24, 1874, No. 6, 18 Stat. 286.

“Except as otherwise provided,” was first inserted by the Revisers of the 1934 edition of the Code.

## EXEMPTION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions authorized by Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, as exempt, see Ex. Ord. No. 11223, eff. May 12, 1965, 30 F.R. 6635, set out as a note under section 2393 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

## SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO ARMED SERVICES AND NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Section inapplicable to procurement or sale of property or services by Armed Services and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, see section 2314 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 260 of this title; title 10 section 2314.

**§ 13a. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-682, § 12(c), Sept. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 710**

Section, Joint Res. Mar. 24, 1874, No. 6, 18 Stat. 286, excepted mail bags, mail locks, and keys from provisions of section 13 of this title.

**§ 14. Restriction on purchases of land**

No land shall be purchased on account of the United States, except under a law authorizing such purchase.

(R.S. §3736.)

## CODIFICATION

R.S. §3736 derived from act May 1, 1820, ch. 52, §7, 3 Stat. 568.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 40 section 356.

**§ 15. Transfers of contracts; assignments; assignee not subject to reduction or setoff**

**(a) Transfer**

No contract or order, or any interest therein, shall be transferred by the party to whom such contract or order is given to any other party, and any such transfer shall cause the annulment of the contract or order transferred, so far as the United States is concerned. All rights of action, however, for any breach of such contract by the contracting parties, are reserved to the United States.

**(b) Assignment**

The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply in any case in which the moneys due or to become due from the United States or from any agency or department thereof, under a contract providing for payments aggregating \$1,000 or more, are assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financing institution, including any Federal lending agency, provided:

(1) That, in the case of any contract entered into after October 9, 1940, no claim shall be assigned if it arises under a contract which forbids such assignment.

(2) That, unless otherwise expressly permitted by such contract, any such assignment shall cover all amounts payable under such

contract and not already paid, shall not be made to more than one party, and shall not be subject to further assignment, except that any such assignment may be made to one party as agent or trustee for two or more parties participating in such financing.

(3) That, in the event of any such assignment, the assignee thereof shall file written notice of the assignment together with a true copy of the instrument of the assignment with—

(A) the contracting officer or the head of his department or agency;

(B) the surety or sureties upon the bond or bonds, if any, in connection with such contract; and

(C) the disbursing officer, if any, designated in such contract to make payment.

**(c) Validity of assignment**

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary governing the validity of assignments, any assignment pursuant to this section shall constitute a valid assignment for all purposes.

**(d) Assignee liability**

In any case in which moneys due or to become due under any contract are or have been assigned pursuant to this section, no liability of any nature of the assignor to the United States or any department or agency thereof, whether arising from or independently of such contract, shall create or impose any liability on the part of the assignee to make restitution, refund, or repayment to the United States of any amount heretofore since July 1, 1950, or hereafter received under the assignment.

**(e) Amendment of contract**

Any contract of the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, the Department of Energy, or any other department or agency of the United States designated by the President, except any such contract under which full payment has been made, may, upon a determination of need by the President, provide or be amended without consideration to provide that payments to be made to the assignee of any moneys due or to become due under such contract shall not be subject to reduction or setoff. Each such determination of need shall be published in the Federal Register.

**(f) Assignor liability arising independent of contract**

If a provision described in subsection (e) of this section or a provision to the same general effect has been at any time heretofore or is hereafter included or inserted in any such contract, payments to be made thereafter to an assignee of any moneys due or to become due under such contract shall not be subject to reduction or setoff for any liability of any nature of the assignor to the United States or any department or agency thereof which arises independently of such contract, or hereafter for any liability of the assignor on account of—

(1) renegotiation under any renegotiation statute or under any statutory renegotiation article in the contract;

(2) fines;

(3) penalties (which term does not include amounts which may be collected or withheld